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## No I-17 Restriction This Weekend

### No Valley Freeway Restrictions for Memorial Day Weekend

If you have driving plans over Memorial Day weekend, there's good news about travel on the state's highways. The Arizona Department of Transportation says no construction-related closures are scheduled over the holiday weekend. Aside from one work zone on southbound I-17 near Camp Verde, ADOT will not schedule any closures around the state from Friday afternoon (May 25) through Monday night (May 28).

Southbound I-17 traffic is limited to one lane at the Verde River bridges near Camp Verde, about 60 miles north of Anthem. Southbound I-17 traffic may encounter some delays in the Camp Verde area during the busiest travel times, including Monday afternoon. The best advice: Get a head start home and prepare for extra travel time.

ADOT urges motorists to concentrate on safe driving and being prepared for the unexpected before heading out on the road. ADOT, the Arizona Department of Public Safety and Governor's Office of Highway Safety remind drivers to buckle up, slow down and be patient.

### Here are some safe driving tips for the Memorial Day weekend:

- Make sure you and your passengers are buckled in -- "Click It or Ticket!"
- Be patient (Don't speed or tailgate)

- Get an adequate amount of rest before a trip
- Bring extra water and food
- Build some extra travel time into your schedule
- NEVER drive under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication

## I-17 Construction North of Loop 101 to Begin Soon

The first of several construction projects to improve I-17 north of Loop 101 is set to begin in early June. The first project includes constructing new interchanges at Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive.

Beginning Tuesday, May 29, the speed limit on I-17 will be reduced to 45 miles per hour from Happy Valley Road to Carefree Highway for the duration of the project. Additionally, the speed limit will be reduced to 25 miles per hour on the frontage roads in this area.

From Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8 during the hours of 10 p.m to 4 a. m., one lane will be restricted on I-17 northbound and southbound to set temporary barriers. Following this work, the shoulders of I-17 will be restricted within the work zone. Drivers should slow down, drive carefully and pay attention for changes in traffic control devices.

During construction, ADOT plans to keep two lanes of traffic open in each direction. The freeway may need to be closed for up to 15 minutes at a time, however, to complete some work, but those closures would be scheduled during overnight hours.

For information about construction activities, contact Brock Barnhart at (602) 712-7176 or [bbarnhart@azdot.gov](mailto:bbarnhart@azdot.gov). For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at (480) 890-3055 or [projectupdate@azroads.info](mailto:projectupdate@azroads.info). We will continue to keep you informed about I-17 work activity and restrictions before they occur.

For a complete listing of freeway and highway restrictions across Arizona visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at [www.az511.com](http://www.az511.com) or call 5-1-1.

**Don't Trash AZ!**

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Please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or comments about I-17 improvements north of Loop 101.

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